

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATOR NEVERS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to revise Section 2509 of Bulletin 119 - Louisiana School Transportation Specifications and Procedures - to establish uniform requirements relative to the purchase of used school buses for all school bus owners/operators.

WHEREAS, Section 2509 of Bulletin 119 establishes different requirements for tenured and non-tenured school bus owners/operators for the purchase of used school buses; and

WHEREAS, currently, a tenured school bus owner/operator may buy a bus that is ten or less model years old, but a non-tenured owner/operator may only purchase a bus that is five or less model years old; and

WHEREAS, prior to recent revisions of Bulletin 119, this inequity between the requirements for tenured and non-tenured school bus owners/operators did not exist and there is no documented need for this disparity; and

WHEREAS, the current shortage of high quality, late-model used school buses puts non-tenured school bus owners/operators at an even greater disadvantage; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our children should be the primary criteria governing the purchase of school buses and the same standards should apply to all, regardless of employment status.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to revise Section 2509 of Bulletin 119 - Louisiana School Transportation Specifications and Procedures - to establish uniform requirements relative to the purchase of used school buses for all school bus owners/operators.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state superintendent of education.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES